

Whereas psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis are painful and disabling diseases that have a significant and adverse impact on the quality of life of an individual diagnosed with either of these diseases;

Whereas the National Institute of Mental Health funded a study that found that psoriasis may cause as much physical and mental disability as other major diseases, including cancer, arthritis, hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, and depression;

Whereas psoriasis is associated with elevated rates of depression and suicidal ideation;

Whereas each year the people of the United States spend more than \$4,000,000,000 to treat psoriasis;

Whereas early diagnosis and treatment of psoriatic arthritis may help prevent irreversible joint damage; and

Whereas treating psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis presents a challenge for patients and physicians because no 1 treatment works for everyone, some treatments lose effectiveness over time, many treatments are used in combination with other treatments, and all treatments may cause a unique set of side effects: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate designates August 2005 as "Psoriasis Awareness Month".

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2361

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Democratic leader, the Senate proceed to the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2361, the Interior appropriations bill. I further ask unanimous consent that there then be 20 minutes of debate equally divided between the majority and the minority, followed by a vote adoption of the conference report, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2985

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Democratic leader, the Senate proceed to the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2985, the Legislative Branch appropriations bill. I further ask unanimous consent that there then be 20 minutes of debate equally divided between the majority and the minority, followed by a vote adoption of the conference report, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on Friday, July 29; I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the

Senate proceed to the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2361, the Interior appropriations bill, as under the previous order. I further ask that following the use or yielding back of the time on the Interior conference report, it be temporarily set aside and the Senate proceed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2985, the Legislative Branch appropriations bill, as under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate then resume consideration of the Energy conference report and there be 30 minutes equally divided for closing remarks between the chairman and ranking member or their designees with all of the provisions of the previous consent remaining.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will complete consideration of the conference reports to accompany the Interior appropriations bill, the Legislative Branch appropriations bill, the Energy bill, and the highway bill. The Senate will also complete action on the gun liability bill with an agreement that was reached this evening. As my colleagues can see, we will have a very busy day tomorrow with rollcall votes throughout. We should be able to complete our business tomorrow. I expect that we will. Again, it will be a very busy day. Senators should remain close to the Chamber throughout the day so that we can proceed in an orderly way for what could be up to 13 votes during tomorrow's session.

#### A PRODUCTIVE SEVERAL MONTHS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we will be closing tomorrow afternoon, hopefully not too late in the afternoon. This has been a very productive several months. If you look back and reflect upon the issues that have been discussed and the bills that have been passed, there have been many. We are governing in a way that meets the expectations of the American people, governing with meaningful solutions to their everyday problems. We passed a budget which was the fifth fastest in history. We passed a bankruptcy bill, a class action reform bill to rid frivolous lawsuits. We had six circuit court nominations, judges that had been either filibustered or threatened to be filibustered in the past. Now we will continue all of that work tomorrow with an Energy bill, a highway bill, a gun liability bill, a legislative conference report, and the Interior conference report. So it has been a very productive Congress and one that we will continue to work very aggressively on as we come back after the recess.

#### CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CONDITIONAL RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 225, the adjournment resolution; provided that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 225) was agreed to, as follows:

#### H. CON. RES. 225

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring)*, That, in consonance with section 132(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, July 28, 2005, Friday, July 29, 2005, or Saturday, July 30, 2005, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Friday, July 29, 2005, through Friday, August 5, 2005, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, or at such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:57 p.m., adjourned until Friday, July 29, 2005, at 9 a.m.

#### DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and the nominations were confirmed:

THOMAS A. FUENTES, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 13, 2005.

BERNICE PHILLIPS, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 13, 2005.

KEVIN F. SULLIVAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

HENRY LOUIS JOHNSON, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

TERRELL HALASKA, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LEGISLATION AND CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination and the nomination was confirmed:

IDNETTA DAVIDSON, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 12, 2007.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 28, 2005:

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOHN J. YOUNG, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING, VICE RONALD M. SEGA.

### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

EMIL W. HENRY, JR., OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE WAYNE ABERNATHY.

### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

WILLIAM E. KOVACIC, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM OF SEVEN YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2004, VICE ORSON SWINDLE, RESIGNED.

### NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

KATHRYN HIGGINS, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2009, VICE CAROL JONES CARMODY, RESIGNED.

### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

EDWARD MCGAFFIGAN, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2010, (REAPPOINTMENT)

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

GEORGE M. GRAY, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE J. PAUL GILMAN, RESIGNED.

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BARRY F. LOWENKRON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND LABOR, VICE LORNE W. CRANER, RESIGNED.

WILLIAM PAUL MCCORMICK, OF OREGON, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO NEW ZEALAND, AND SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO SAMOA.

ROLAND ARNALL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS.

### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

CHRISTINE M. GRIFFIN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2009, VICE PAUL STEVEN MILLER, TERM EXPIRED.

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JAMES F. X. O'GARA, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SUPPLY REDUCTION, OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY, VICE BARRY D. CRANE.

### THE JUDICIARY

TIMOTHY MARK BURGESS, OF ALASKA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA, VICE JAMES K. SINGLETON, JR., RETIRED.

JOSEPH FRANK BIANCO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, VICE DENIS R. HURLEY, RETIRED.

HARRY SANDLIN MATTICE, JR., OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE, VICE R. ALLAN EDGAR, RETIRING.

### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 1552:

#### To be colonel

THOMAS L. LUTZ, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

#### To be lieutenant colonel

BRUCE A. ELLIS, JR., 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED

STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 1552:

#### To be lieutenant colonel

ANSELMO FELICIANO, 0000  
DENNIS J. MALFER, JR., 0000  
VIRGINIA W. SPISAK, 0000  
DAKE S. VAHOVICH, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT (IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK (\*)) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 531:

#### To be major

JOLENE A. \* AINSWORTH, 0000  
THOMAS M. \* ALSAUGH, 0000  
JOYCE E. ANNELEY, 0000  
JANE E. \* ARGENTO, 0000  
KARLA M. \* ATCHLEY, 0000  
JUDITH K. \* BAILLIE, 0000  
RAYMOND E. \* BAKER, 0000  
BRIAN B. \* BARNETT, 0000  
ERIC B. \* BARNETT, 0000  
BETH M. \* BAYKAN, 0000  
MAREK G. \* BELING, 0000  
MELINDA MARIE \* BELLOMYMUTH, 0000  
DONNA R. \* BELOIN, 0000  
TINA A. \* BETANCOURT, 0000  
DAWN M. \* BLACK, 0000  
MARTHA J. \* BOURNE, 0000  
PAMELA L. \* BRECHERSENBEACH, 0000  
NERRIZA L. \* BROOKS, 0000  
CASSANDRA E. \* CAMPBELL, 0000  
HEATHER R. \* CAMPBELL, 0000  
JAMES E. \* CAMPION, 0000  
DAISY E. \* CASTRIGONE, 0000  
KEVIN P. \* CAVANAUGH, 0000  
LAWANDA M. \* CLARK, 0000  
ERICA C. \* CLARKE, 0000  
RANDY O. \* CLAXTON, 0000  
MARGARET E. \* CLEVINGER, 0000  
STACEY L. \* COLEMAN, 0000  
TARA N. \* CONSTANTINE, 0000  
CHARLES P. \* COOLEY, 0000  
MARK W. \* CORNELL, 0000  
CHARLES L. \* COX, JR., 0000  
MARK A. \* DAMMEN, 0000  
GINETTE \* DAMUS/JORDAN, 0000  
LINDA S. \* DENNY, 0000  
SUSAN M. \* DICKERSON, 0000  
SUZIE C. \* DIETZ, 0000  
BETH R. \* DION, 0000  
DANIEL E. \* DONAHUE, 0000  
ROBIN C. \* DOSWELL, 0000  
PAUL \* DREATER, JR., 0000  
DIANA Y. \* DUNCAN, 0000  
VIRGINIA \* DUNN, 0000  
CHERYL A. \* ELLIOTT, 0000  
ROSS M. \* EVANS, 0000  
VICKI M. \* FAIR, 0000  
LORINDA L. \* FARRIS, 0000  
THOMAS G. \* FEVURLY, 0000  
CHARLES M. \* FLOWE, 0000  
KAWAHEE R. \* FLOWE, 0000  
MARY T. \* FLOYD, 0000  
ALISON T. \* FORSYTHE, 0000  
SHERRY L. \* FRANK, 0000  
JANE M. \* FREE, 0000  
DEBRA L. \* FREIMARCK, 0000  
ALANE C. \* GARLLSI, 0000  
MURIEL A. \* GATLIN, 0000  
VIRGINIA A. \* GAVIN, 0000  
MARY K. \* GEYER, 0000  
MATTIE D. \* GOODE, 0000  
DAWN M. \* GRAHAM, 0000  
LARHONDA M. \* GRAY, 0000  
STACY GILMORE \* GREENE, 0000  
CHERYL L. \* GROTSKY, 0000  
MARIANNE R. \* HAFLER, 0000  
LINDA A. \* HAGEMANN, 0000  
BARBARA A. \* HASSAN, 0000  
JEANINE D. \* HATFIELD, 0000  
ROBERT W. \* HAYES, 0000  
TAMMY G. \* HAYES, 0000  
MICHELLE A. \* HEDRICK, 0000  
KRISTINA R. \* HERTZLER, 0000  
JOHN R. \* HIMBERGER, 0000  
DAWN K. \* HINCKLEY, 0000  
FRANCES L. \* HODGES, 0000  
LEAH NICOLE \* HOLLAND, 0000  
KATHLEEN M. \* HOLLEY, 0000  
ANITA A. \* HOYUELA, 0000  
JACQUELYN J. \* HUDSON, 0000  
LELA A. \* HUDSON, 0000  
SHERRY L. \* HULSE, 0000  
NANCY J. \* JOHNSON, 0000  
LAURA K. \* JONES, 0000  
RONALD L. \* JONES, JR., 0000  
JULIE A. \* JUMP, 0000  
KRISTIN L. \* KALINA, 0000  
LESLIE L. \* KARAS, 0000  
STEVEN M. \* KEENE, 0000  
JACQUELINE M. \* KILLIAN, 0000  
DIANE R. \* KLINGENBERG, 0000  
MARK A. \* KNITZ, 0000  
LAURA L. \* KOONTZ, 0000  
LEANN M. \* LAMB, 0000  
KAREN V. \* LARRY, 0000  
MARGARET A. \* LAUREANOMILLER, 0000  
RONALD E. \* LECZNER, 0000  
JOHN W. \* LEDWITCH III, 0000  
CHUNG MIN \* LEE, 0000  
SUSAN J. \* LEE, 0000  
PAUL L. \* LINK, 0000  
JOANN A. \* LLANEZA, 0000  
MICHAEL A. \* LOPEZ, 0000  
BACH HOA T. MAL, 0000  
EDWIN A. \* MALDONADO, 0000  
NAQUITA J. \* MANNING, 0000  
JOHN L. \* MANSUY, 0000  
LILI M. \* MARTINEZ, 0000  
THOMAS \* MCALARNY, 0000  
JACQUELINE J. \* MCAULEY, 0000  
MICHAEL P. \* MCGANN, 0000  
KEVIN R. \* MCHAFFEY, 0000  
CHRISTINE L. \* MEVES, 0000  
LORI J. \* MILLER, 0000  
PAUL T. \* MILLER, JR., 0000  
GRETCHEN H. \* MORELAND, 0000  
DENNIS \* MULLINS, 0000  
THERESA A. \* MURPHY, 0000  
VIRGINIA R. \* MUSHENSKI, 0000  
DENISE M. \* MYERS, 0000  
NELVA J. \* NIELSEN, 0000  
MARTIN \* OCKERT, 0000  
JAMES G. \* OLANDA, 0000  
JEFFREY J. \* OLIVER, 0000  
LAURA J. \* PALM, 0000  
VINCE E. \* PARIS, 0000  
DEXTER A. \* PATTON, 0000  
KARIN E. \* PETERSEN, 0000  
MIKEL W. \* PHILLIPS, 0000  
DONALD R. \* POTTER, 0000  
ANDREA M. \* RAMEY, 0000  
LORRI M. \* REED, 0000  
ANDREW L. \* REIMUND, 0000  
MARK J. \* REITTER, 0000  
SCOTT C. \* RHODES, 0000  
HEATHER A. \* RISDAL, 0000  
VICTOR R. \* RIVERA, 0000  
KIM G. \* ROBINSON, 0000  
KENT A. \* ROMAN, 0000  
PAMELA J. \* ROSSIO, 0000  
KIMBERLEE M. \* RUSSELL, 0000  
JEANNIE Y. \* SABATINE, 0000  
SUSAN M. \* SARGENT, 0000  
KATHY S. \* SAVELL, 0000  
KIMBERLY A. \* SCHMIDT, 0000  
ANTOINETTE N. \* SHEPPARD, 0000  
SANDRA S. \* SHORES, 0000  
VICKIE L. \* SKUPSKI, 0000  
MELISSA C. \* SMITH, 0000  
SHERRY L. \* SMITH, 0000  
JANICE L. \* SOWERS, 0000  
PENNY E. \* SPAID, 0000  
LISA K. \* STOLZER, 0000  
KARL M. \* STONE, 0000  
SEAN A. \* STRAIT, 0000  
CHRISTOPHER M. \* SWEENEY, 0000  
LEA M. \* THIES, 0000  
JENNIFER E. \* THOMAS, 0000  
SCOTT R. \* TONKO, 0000  
VALERIE A. \* TRUMP, 0000  
ANITA S. \* UPP, 0000  
EDWIN \* VALENTIN, 0000  
JOHN D. \* VANDELVELDE, 0000  
KATHI S. \* VAVRA, 0000  
JERRY \* VEGA, 0000  
TAMRA C. \* WEATHERBEE, 0000  
BRUCE W. \* WEISS, 0000  
GINGER S. \* WEISS, 0000  
JACQUELINE F. \* WHITE, 0000  
CINDI L. \* WILLIS, 0000  
WILLIAM T. \* WILSON, 0000  
SHARON L. WINDERLICH, 0000  
JAMES R. \* WITTENAUER III, 0000  
LOUISE H. \* WOLFE, 0000  
SHANNON G. \* WOMBLE, 0000  
SHANNEN M. \* WRIGHT, 0000  
DAVID C. \* ZIMMERMAN, 0000

## CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Thursday, July 28, 2005:

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

MARCUS C. PEACOCK, OF MINNESOTA, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DAVID R. HILL, OF MISSOURI, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.  
JILL L. SIGAL, OF WYOMING, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (CONGRESSIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS).

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

RICHARD L. SKINNER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

JANICE B. GARDNER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JOHN S. REDD, OF GEORGIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.  
THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.